

## Parent Council – Spring meeting

21 March 2018

### Attendees:

Kim Komljanec (2L)  
Zoe Smith (3E)  
Alexa Sugar-Derichs (4W)  
Lucie Carter (4W)  
Orla Machin (4E)  
Tricia Gilmour (6D)  
Romola Davenport (6D)  
Sarah Stepney (Deputy Head )  
Judith Greenwood (Governor)

### Apologies:

Roisin Vaughan (Chair) (3T)  
Tracey Lattimore (2G)  
Katerina Gargaroni (2L)  
Lynda Bramwell (6N)  
Yun Jeong Shin (4E)

### Minutes

1. Lunch / catering – feedback that some children were not getting their food choice or there was not enough food. Note, there is always bread and salad available should the children wish to have them. There was previously a proposal that the caterer would introduce a parent APP which parents could use to pay for school meals and also select menu choices however, this has been put on hold.  
**Action:** *The correct course of action is that the school office is informed straight away by the parent/carer of any food quantity or quality issues. The school will then raise the complaint with the caterer.*
2. Christmas concert – concerns were raised that the 2017 concert whilst it was a very good venue, had a Christian slant which doesn't fit with the ethos of a non-denomination school.  
**Action:** *the school will consider the feedback received along with venue availability at Christmas and revert with its thoughts.*
3. Playground games – pretend guns. There is not a school policy covering pretend play using guns but a judgement is made by the supervising adult in the playground in the context of

the moment. If the supervisor feels that the game is unsuitable, they then request that the children cease playing the game.

**Action:** *the school will mention this to the playground supervisors to offer a rationale to the children as to why the game has been deemed unsuitable.*

4. Children who receive interventions (support) – There is a circle of feedback internally in the school which documents next steps at least once per term.

**Action:** *Parents whose children are receiving additional support should check with their class teachers on parent evenings and year end reports. The school will remind teachers to have this information available for those occasions.*

5. Mobile phones – use of by children. If a child has a mobile phone, they are not permitted to use it during the day and it must be surrendered to the class teacher who will retain it throughout the day and return it at the end of the day. If children are given a mobile phone, they must also be taught by the parent/carer how to use it responsibly.

**Action:** *parents/carers to advise children (where appropriate) on phone procedure & use and Sarah Stepney investigate school policy on use of phones by children.*

6. Parking outside school – recent incidents and poor parking (i.e. parking on the pavements, double parking blocking others in, disrupting the local residents, parking on zig zag lines and double yellow lines) cannot be policed by the school.

**Action:** *Parents are encouraged to park responsibly and to report all incidents, with photographs of the car and number plate to the police:*

*<https://www.cambs.police.uk/report/Vehicles>. The school will contact to council to explore if the correct road signs are in place and sufficient lines on the road.*

7. MAT – a separate message was sent 21.03.18